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You have once again allowed Microsoft to continue its predatory practices with the latest settlement. What prevents Microsoft from continuing to buy out their competition or force them out? I'll give you a recent example. Corel had a very nice alternative to the Windows/Office productivity solution with Linux and its WordPerfect suite. It was so good that many Linux users saw it as a legitimate competitor in the business environment. What did Microsoft do? They infused Corel with money and killed their Linux offering.

If you really want to keep Microsoft honest, they will have to be split into two companies. Selling both an operating system and applications allows them to leverage both to promote each other. You have companies buying Office because it only runs on Windows and people using Windows so they can be compatible with other Office users. One feeds on the other. Microsoft has become so large and wealthy that they can buy out anyone who competes with them either directly or through litigation. It's the DOJ's job to protect the consumer when this happens.